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enjoy it. In the dry season, when the reservoirs run low, economy of course becomes necessary. Whether this should be exercised by cutting off the supply during certain hours of the day or by the establishment of the meter system is a question as to which a difference of opinion may exist, but we must confess that we would rather see it settled by some properly constituted body representative of the ratepayers than on Mr. Coopers' individual judgment. It was a mistake altogether to appoint a single official as the Water Authority. Reverting to the question of consumption and waste, however, we find, from a table given in Mr. Coopers' report, that from the 1st to the 31st March last, when the supply was constant, the consumption per head per diem was 19 gallons, which was the normal quantity when the full supply is available. Now, it so happens that this is precisely the quantity which Mr. Coopers held ought to be taken as the basis of any estimate of the requirements of Hongkong. In his report on the Tyan Waterworks, dated 1st November, 1885, that gentleman wrote:—

"The quantity of water used by domestic consumers, industrial, and other purposes has been the subject of so much observation in this country that it is not necessary to repeat here the statistics of the various waterworks of England, and a few being taken to estimate the minimum allowance per head of inhabitant is stated as follows:—

For domestic use, 10 to 15 gallons per day.  
For industrial and other purposes, 10 to 15 gallons per day.  
Total, 20 to 30 gallons per day.

London and most of the larger towns of the United Kingdom have supplies considerably in excess of the above figures, but it is not necessary to repeat here the statistics of the various waterworks of England, and a few being taken to estimate the minimum allowance per head of inhabitant is stated as follows:—

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So far from the requirements of Victoria being less than those of a European city, they ought if anything to be considered somewhat more, having regard to the climatic conditions. From a table given in Mr. Coopers' report we find that at Dundee the supply per head per day was 40 gallons, at Preston 31 gallons, Huddersfield 28 gallons, Bradford 24 gallons, and of the sixteen towns enumerated in the list only three had less than 20 gallons. The Hongkong consumption of 19 gallons does not therefore seem so very excessive as Mr. Coopers' report would make it appear. In one part of that report 19 gallons is mentioned as the consumption for "domestic purposes," while in the table the same quantity is given as the equivalent per head of the total consumption, that is, including the consumption for other than domestic purposes. Seeing that the meter system has been applied to only a comparatively small portion of the town as yet and that there are consequently no means of accurately separating the domestic consumption from the total consumption, it appears probable that the inference to be drawn from the table is correct and that 19 gallons per head per diem represents the total consumption. However this may be, the principle should, we think, be clearly recognised that it is only during the dry season, when the possibility of scarcity exists, that any restrictions ought to be placed on the consumption.

THE BILL for the "Regulation of the consumption of morphine and for the prevention of the pernicious practice of administering or injecting preparations of morphine by unqualified persons" will require rather careful consideration before it is allowed to pass into law. The injection of morphine is a concrete evil which the Government can and ought to deal with. Shops are kept specially for administering the drug by this means and they can be shut up as easily as other illegal establishments. When it comes to the question of regulating the sale of morphine, however, rather a different set of circumstances is encountered. So far the Government has made no attempt to bring Chinese medical practitioners or Chinese druggists' shops under control, and poison can be bought from them in any quantity. Poison, it should be noted, is largely used for criminal purposes in the Colony, charges of administering stupefying drugs being of not infrequent occurrence at the Police Court, and for every case that comes to light there must be many that are never heard of. Yet the Government makes no attempt to control the sale of these drugs. Is it worth while, then, attempting to control the sale of a drug like morphine which is largely used for legitimate purposes and may be taken in reasonable quantities without seriously ill effects? The Hon. Mr. Ho Kai holds that the use of opium pills and opium mixtures is wholly deleterious, but that is a point on which other medical men hold a contrary opinion. Dr. AYRES, for instance, the Attorney-General says he drafted the Bill after consultation with the Colonial Surgeon. Well, Dr. AYRES in his report for 1891 discusses the opium question at some length and says that he has himself eaten as much opium as a day for months, and so on. He refers also to the splendid qualities of the Khasias, fifteen per cent. of whom are opium eaters, yet "better women with finer physique cannot be found." The whole tenor of the Colonial Surgeon's remarks in the report alluded to is that the outcry against opium eating is as absurd as the outcry against opium smoking. Without going so far as this, for we hold that the habitual use of drugs of any kind is to be deprecated—we cannot assent to the grand notion that there would be a "rob a man of his beer" or its equivalent. Apart, however, from the abstract question of the desirability of legislation for suppressing the sale of the particular class of drug referred to in the Morphine Bill, we are in Hongkong confronted with the impossibility of carrying such legislation into effect, in view of the fact

that there is no registration of chemists or of Chinese medical practitioners. Whatever law might be passed on the subject, opium pills and opium mixtures would still be sold and consumed in large quantities, and the practical effect of the law would be the detection of a greater or less proportion of those engaged in what would then be an illegal trade, and to cause loss to the European chemists and inconvenience to the European community. The Attorney-General says morphine is taken in the form of lozenges, pills, and in various preparations, and that the Bill "aims at putting a stop to that kind of thing," and that these preparations can, if the Bill passes, only be legally procured on the prescription of a medical man. From which it would seem that if any one wants a sleeping draught, a bottle of chloroform, or a bottle of Kesting's cough lozenges, he will have to go to a doctor to give him a prescription. The sale of hypodermic syringes is also to be rendered illegal, although these are used for the injection of many other drugs besides morphine.

H. N. S. Daphne left yesterday for Nagasaki.

Yesterday morning a forest guard was set upon by a band of robbers near a Bay at Stanley. He was robbed of a watch and his coat. The robbers made off in a boat.

A Chinaman who returned from banishment recently was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment with hard labour by Commander W. C. H. Hastings at the Police Court yesterday.

Mr. Collier, senior puisne judge of the Straits Settlements, has accepted the appointment of Judge of the Court of Appeal in Singapore. He will now become senior puisne judge and will go to Penang. They will then fall to be appointed two junior puisne judges, of whom one will presumably be appointed at once.

The death is reported at Tientsin on the 26th August of Mr. J. H. Crook, first officer of the steamship *St. George*, who was killed by a bomb which exploded on board the ship. Mr. Crook was a member of the crew of the ship, and was killed by a bomb which exploded on board the ship.

The Spanish Consul has favoured us with a copy of the following interesting report on the state of the water supply in the district of Madrid at 10.17 a.m. yesterday:—"The depression to the East of London is increasing." The following further telegram dated 8.17 p.m. yesterday has been received:—"The storm already mentioned is now near North London. Bad weather prevails."

The Siamese Governor M. Rajabhat has arrived at Singapore from Bangkok, conveying two young princes, sons of the King of Siam, who in charge of H. R. H. Prince Siam, are en route to Europe for education. The party also includes a Siamese mail steamer, *Othello*, Prince Siam is a brother of the King of Siam.

The first began two years ago at Tsang-nan, near Chinkiang, are now nearly finished, and the first of the new roads, the *Yung-ching* line, is now open to traffic. The road is 17 miles long, and is the first of a series of roads which will connect the various parts of the province.

At the meeting of the Singapore Harbour Commission, on the 24th inst., the three Chinese members of the Commission, Mr. Ho Kai, Mr. Ho Kai, and Mr. Ho Kai, were present. They discussed the question of the proposed new road, the *Yung-ching* line, and the proposed new road, the *Yung-ching* line.

Two men were charged yesterday at the Magistrate's Court with keeping a common gambling house at No. 57, East Street, and four other persons were charged with being accessories. The case was committed to the Police Court for trial.

Handicraft is now to be numbered amongst the cities doomed by heavy rain, says the Mercury. The rain has been falling so heavily that it has fallen the water was three or four feet deep in several of the streets. The students entering the examination hall had to wade through the water, and many of them were drenched.

Yesterday morning the German steamer *Amigo* was floated off the pier and towed to the Hongkong dock. It is about six weeks since the *Amigo* was floated off the pier and towed to the Hongkong dock. It is about six weeks since the *Amigo* was floated off the pier and towed to the Hongkong dock.

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The Head of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme on the 1st of September, commencing at 8.15 p.m.:

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